CAPE GIRARDEAU. - MISSOURL

On the 21st the senate confirmed the nomination of Joseph McKenna, of California, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United

DURING the week ended on the 20th, deaths from the bubonic plague in Bombay, numbered 851. The exodus was increasing and business was stagnated.

THE Catholic total abstinance societies of Chicago have declared a boycott on all grocers who operate bars where liquor is sold in connection with their

LORD SALISBURY'S early retirement from the secretaryship of state for foreign affairs in the British cabinet is foreshadowed by information received in Washington on the 21st.

THE United States battleship Maine, commanded by Capt. Charles D. Sigsbee, which left Key West, Fla., on the 24th, arrived at Havana on the 25th, and was saluted by the forts and war

FAILURES for the week ended on the 21st, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were, for the United States, 374, against 409 for the corresponding week last year, and for Canada, 53, against 65 last year.

THE government Alaska expedition, under the immediate charge of Gen. Merriam, commander of the department of the Columbia, is fully equipped to leave Portland, Ore., February 1 by the steamer George W. Elder.

THE French have finally begun the construction of a railroad to connect their east African possessions in the Somali protectorate with Abyssinia. The road is expected to drain one of the most fertile countries in Africa.

THE report that American war ships had been ordered to Cuban waters caused great excitment in Madrid on the 23d. The Imparcial, in the course of a violent article, said: "We see now the eagerness of the Yankees to seize

WITH its capital stock placed at \$136,000,000, it cost the reorganized Union Pacific Railroad Co. \$20,402.50 to incorporate under the laws of Colorado. The fee is the largest ever received at the secretary of state's office in that

On the 25th Assistant Secretary Davis of the interior department rendered a decision holding that there is no law providing a pension for the widows of soldiers who die of disease contracted in the service in time of peace prior to March 4, 1861.

THE celebration of the fiftieth aniwersary of the discovery of gold in Calfornia, known as the golden jubilee, was begun in San Francisco, on the 24th, immense throngs from all parts of the state being present and participating in the exercises and diversions of the day.

MISS CHARLOTTE CRANE, the netress whom the ladies of Charleston, S. C., snubbed, was the heroine of a swell ball and dinner at Hot Springs, Ark., on the night of the 21st, attended by the cream of Hot Springs society, including the army officers stationed there and their wives.

Gov. Mount has advised the officials of Lake county, Ind., to stop at once the building of the gambling amphitheater at Roby, where it is proposed to reopen the Indiana Monte Carlo. Gov. Mount will call out the militia if necessary to drive the horde of Chicago gamblers from Indiana soil.

REAR-ADMIRAL MCNAIR, late commander of the Asiatic squadron, United States navy, arrived at San Francisco, on the 25th, on the Coptic. Commodore Dewey is now in charge of the Asiatic fleet, vice Rear-Admiral Methe flagship Olympia on the 3d.

A DISPATCH from Constantinople says: "Russia is about to present a note to Turkey demanding payment of the whole balance of the indemnity of the Russo-Turkish war, amounting to (\$1,400,000,000), with a view of making the sultan more docile in the settlement of the Cretan question."

THE Queen City cotton mills at Burlington, Vt., which had been shut down on account of the strike, resumed operations on the 24th. Nearly all of the employes returned and practically all the machinery was set in motion. The Queen City operatives were the first to resist the general reduction.

During the 48 hours ended on the 21st, 17 yessels, carrying in the aggregate more than 4,000,000 feet of lumber, passed in through the Golden Gate at San Francisco. This arrival of so many lumber-laden vessels is due wholly to the unprecedented demand for tounage to engage in the Alaskan

MINISTER WOODPORD cabled to the state department, on the 24th, that the government of Spain had consented to negotiate a commercial treaty with the United States on the basis of reciprocity, with scales for Cuba and the peninsula. The negotiations will be conducted in Washington at a time yet to be agreed upon.

A REPORT issued on the 25th showed that for the week ending January 15 there were exported from this country \$3,895 barrels of apples, as compared with 34,329 for the corresponding week of last year. The total exports to that | in Halifax, N. S. Large meetings weldate for this year amounted to 682,763 barrels, as compared with 2,215,163 to general to form a military and naval the same date last year, a falling off of league and poor man's metropole in over 1,500,000 barrels.

# THE DEMOCRAT, CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 20th, Mr. Morgan fin-ished his four days' speech on the Hawalian treaty, closing to empty benches. The Teller resolution providing for the payment of bonds of the United States in silver, at the option of the government, was then taken up by the decisive vote of 41 to 25 ... In the house the ques-tion of reduction in wages was warmly discussed and the cause explained by Mr. Dingley hand.

c In the senate, on the 21st, an agreement was can the senate, on the cast, an agreement was reached to take a final vote on the Teller reso-lution, providing that the bends of the United States may be paid in sliver dollars, and all pending amendments thereto, should be taken on the 27th before adjournment. The greater part of the day was spent in executive ... In the house the bill to extend the publicland laws of the United States to the territory of Alaska and to grant a general railroad right of way through the territory was onssed. The urgent deficiency bill was sent to onference with the senate amendment striking out the provision requiring the depositors of bullion at government assay offices to pay the cost of transportation to the mints elimi-

In the senate, on the 22d, an amendment to the pension appropriation bill was offered, pro-viding that hereafter no pension shall be paid on power of attorney from pensioners residing in foreign countries. The Teller resolution, providing that the bonds of the United States may be paid in silver dollars, was taken up .. In the house, after the clearing up of ne odds and ends of legislation, and the passage of several unimportant measures, a resolution was adopted calling upon the state epartment for information relative to the miltary execution of Col. Ruiz, a Spanish envoy to the insurgent camp.

In the senate, on the 24th, the proposed annexation of Hawaii was extensively reviewed by Mr. Morgan (Aia.). Mr. Turpie (Ind.) de-livered an elaborate speech in support of the Teller resolution. The pension bill was de-lated three cores. bated three yours, but was undisposed of at the hour of adjournment.....In the house two hours was spent in transacting business relating to the district of Columbia, the remainder of the day being devoted to consideration of the Indian appropriation bill.

In the senate, on the 25th, the open session was characterized by a heated discussion of the financial question, with the Teller resolution for a text, several prominent senators taking part for or against the resolution...... In the house, under the parliamentary fiction of discussing the Indian appropriation bill, almost the entire day was devoted to a political debate, in which the main question was whether prosperity had come to the country as a result of the advent of the present administration.

The bill itself received very little attention.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Some of the Spaniards desire a war with the United States, hoping that it will embroil us in some way with other European powers. It is well to be prepared for any desperate freak on the part of a bankrupt country that has really nothing to lose.

M. ERNEST BAZIN, the inventor of the roller steamer, died in Paris on the 21st.

GOLD was quoted at Buenos Avres on the 20th, at 163,60,

In the case of Chris. Merry, the Chicago peddler, charged with wife-murder, the jury returned a verdict, on the 21st, finding him guilty. Smith, his alleged accomplice, was found not guilty, but was immediately rearrested on a bench warrant charging him with being an accessory after the fact. The jury was out all night.

MAYOR McKisson of Cleveland, O., is taking steps to contest the seat of Senator Hanna in the United States senate. Mayor McKisson will rely large ly on the testimony adduced at the investigation of the bribery charges.

MISS MARY DOUTHAT, a well-know society girl of Elehmond, Va., who entered the class for trained nurses at the Johns Hopkins university in Baltimore, Md., 18 months ago, has abandoned her studies rather than attend a lener, as directed by the university authorities.

MRS. WILLIAM MCGILLIVRAY, of Toronto, Ont., who is over 60 years old, has given birth to a baby girl. Her husband, to whom she was married seven years ago, is 78. Mrs. McGillivray has been married twice, and this is her twenty-second child.

At Spanish headquarters in Havana persistent rumprs were in circulation, on the 21st, to the effect that Gen. Calixto Garcin, the famous insurgent leader, was killed in a recent engagement with the Spanish troops.

THERE is a glut in the labor market at Juneau, Dyea and Skaguay, with Nair, having hoisted his pennant over the result that wages are falling and many men are now eating up their supplies and earning nothing.

WILLIAM WALLACE, 21 years of age, and Mrs. George Seaman, who is past 60, and snowy haired, have eloped from Bellaire, O., and have gone west to grow up with the country.
SENOR AMILABE CAPRIANI, the Italian

socialist labor leader whose election to the chamber of deputies for Forli, in July last, was annulled by the Italian government, has been reelected deputy for Forli.

It was reported from Algiers, on the 24th, that serious rioting and pillaging had taken place at Mustapha, a suburb of the city, on the 23d. Ten Jewish shops were looted and a number of policemen injured. Troops were summoned, but order was not restored until two o'clock in the mora-

ing. Forty arrests were made. AT Bombay, on the 23d, the eclipse of the sun was accompanied by a rapid fall of temperature. An earthy smell pervaded the air, and the scene resembled a landscape under a wintry English sun. The duration of totality was two minutes, with a marvelous corona of pale silver and blue.

THE Luetgert jury in Chicago cele brated the beginning of the ninth week of the second trial, on the 23d, by taking a sleigh ride. The trip lasted from one to five o'clock.

REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian church in Washington, D. C., was married at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 22d, to Mrs. Eleanor Collier, widow of Charles Collier, a prominent lawyer and son of Judge F. H. Collier, of the Allegheny county (Pa.) bench.

GEN. BOOTH, head of the Salvation army, has had a remarkable reception comed him. It has been decided by the that city.

KING HUMBERT signed a decree reducing the customs tariff on cereals from 714 to 5 lire, until April 30 last. It went into operation on the 25th.

THE North Atlantic squadron, consisting of the New York, Iowa, Massachusetts, Indiana and Texas, under Admiral Sicard, arrived off the bar at Key West, Fla., on the 22d, and the vessels maneuvered all day in plain view of the city.

MRS. MARY E. LEASE occupied the pulpit of the People's church, New York city, on the 23d, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., as due to the sudden and unexpected fall in the price of cotton, catching aimost all of the large manufacturers with many months' supplies on to a congregation which crowded the to a congregation which crowded the building.

REPORTS have reached Havana from the Cauto river district, in Cuba, where Gen. Pando has been operating, to the effect that Gen. Pando has been seriously wounded in an engagement with the insurgents.

SEVENTEEN reindeer were strangled on the voyage from Hamburg of the British steamer Glanton, which reached New York after a tempestaous voyage of 14 days. The rolling vessel was their executioner.

Bisco, who assassinated Gen. Marcado Bittencourt, the Brazilian minister for war, last November, at the time of the attempt upon the life of President Moraes, committed suicide in prison on the 24th.

MRS. MARY SHILLITO, widow of the late John Shillito, founder of the great mercantile house in Cincinnati that bears his name, died, on the 24th, after a long illness from infirmities of old

The steam schooner Noyo sailed from Seattie, Wash., for Alaska, on the 24th, carrying 180 passengers and 178 tons of freight. Among the passengers were 25 women.

A DISPATCH from Brussels, on the 24th, announced the death of 17 persons as the result of a colliery accident near Mons.

SANGER PULLMAN, one of the practically disinherited twin sons of George M. Pullman, is working for a living as an inspector of sleeping cars at the Dearborn Street station in Chicago, for which he receives \$100 a month.

THE Union elevator, located in East St. Louis, Ill., and owned by the Union Elevator Co. of St. Louis, was totally burned, on the night of the 25th, with the contents, about 3,000,000 bushels of grain, a greater part of which was corn. Eighty-five cars loaded with corn, owned by E. B. White & Co., were also consumed, as well as the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy freight house, the stable of the Transfer Co. and numerous cottages. The total loss, it is estimated, will not be far from \$1,000,000.

NINETEEN survivors of the suspected filibuster steamer Tillie, which probably sank off Barnegat, were landed at Providence, R. I., by a coasting schooner on the 25th. Four men were lost. Capt. John O'Brien was among the saved

HENRY STARR, the famous south western bandit, passed through St. Louis, on the 25th, en route to the Columbus (O.) penitentiary, where he will, in all probability, spend the remainder of his

JUDGE LEWIS E. McComas (rep.) was dected United States senator from Marcland, on the 25th, to succeed Arthur P. Gorman (dem.).

THE senate, on the 25th, confirmed the nomination of J. W. Griggs, of New Jersey, to be attorney-general of the nited States.

Joun Lamp, the ship-builder of Birkenhead, England, died on the 25th.

## LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the senate, on the 26th, more than ix hours was devoted to debating the total of 728 delegates. Teller resolution providing for the payment of principal and interest of government bonds in silver. The session was replete with argument and oratory, but no acrimonious colloquies were indulged in. No other business was transacted.... In the house another day was devoted to consideration of the Indian appropriation bill, ten pages of which were disposed of. The conference report on the urgent

deficiency appropriation was adopted. A GENERAL order has been issued by the navy department for the preparation of all war ships now out of comnission for immediate service, and a few days will see another formidable quadron ready for any emergency. Things are being pushed at League

Island navy yard. HON. JOSEPH MCKENNA took his seat on the bench of the supreme court of the United States, on the 26th, as an associate justice. The official ceremony inducting him into this important office consumed less than four minutes, and was simple in the extreme.

THE armored cruiser Brooklyn, it was announced on the 25th, will sail for Key West several days sooner than expected as the necessary repairs can e completed to admit of sailing Febuary 4. The Brooklyn will join Admiral Sicard's squadron to take part in the evolutions.

THE announcement in the London morning papers of the 26th, that Lady Tatton Sykes had gone abroad for the benefit of her health, caused much talk, and an evening newspaper intimated that she has gone to a country from which there is no extradition.

THE Grocers' and Importers' exchange of Philadelphia, on the 26th. made its second shipment of food to the suffering poor in Cuba. The shipment netted over 90,000 pounds.

THE suburban residence of A. J. Drexel, Jr., of Philadelphia, was completely destroyed by fire on the night of the 25th. The loss will reach \$60,-000; covered by insurance.

THE monetary convention at Indian molis, after a two days' session, adourned, on the 26th, subject to the call of the chairman, Mr. Hugh Hanna,

Ox the 26th the house committee on territories rejected the Arizona, New Mexico and Oalahoma statehood bills by a vote of 8 to 3.

THE steamer City of Seattle sailed from Tacoma, Wash., on the 26th, for Alaska, carrying 600 passengers.

#### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Denounced Christian Science. According to a decision by Judge Wofford in the criminal court at Kansas City, Mrs. Amanda J. Baird, Christian Science doctor, or rather "demonstrator," will have to pay the fine of \$50 and costs imposed in the police court for not reporting to the board of health the case of diphtheria in the family of S. H. Kinney, 641 Woodland, from which little ten-year-old May Kinney afterward died.

Judge Wofford created a sensation by a scathing denunciation of Christian Scientists and their belief, which he delivered from the benen. He declared that a monstrous wrong had been done to society, and that if it were in his power he would fine Mrs. Baird \$1,000. There has been intense interest in the trial. Mrs. Baird is a fine, motherly-looking old indy and during the trial she has been surrounded by the leaders in Kansus City of the sect. They express no disapprobation of Judge Wofford's decision, simply announcing that they would appeal to the supreme court.

#### Sequel to an E:opement.

Several weeks ago, it was alleged, John and Daggert Dial, father and son, made false affidavits to the recorder at Lamar, and procured a marriage license for young Dial to marry Lizzie Netherly, aged 16, whose parents were opposed to the marriage.

Netherly attempted to stop the proceedings, and while away from home for that purpose, young Dial secured the girl and they went to Moundville and were married. The grand jury indicted the Dials for making faise and they were placed in jail. Their trials were held at Lamar, and the jury acquitted young Dial. The father's trial resulted in a hung jury. The Netherlys were at the trial, and late at night, before starting for home, the father, by a clever ruse, secured possession of his daughter and took her home. All the persons concerned reside 15 miles north of Lamar, in Verson contents of the second possession of the person contents of the person of the perso in Vernon county.

#### Recent Deaths.

B. F. Wall, one of the weathlest and nost respected citizens of Warrens burg, aged 67.

DRoland Burnett died at the home of his son in Oregon, Holt county.

[He was the oldest white man in Holt county Esquire Burnett, as he was familiarly called was born in Patrick county, Va., March 1, 1883. In 1839 he came to Missouri and settled in what is now Holt county, and lived there until his death. He had two brothers under Gen. Jack-son at New Orleans, but was never a soldier himself. He was a justice of the peace in Holt county before the war, and had been a member of the Christian church about thirty-five years.]

Mrs. William G. McCarty, wife of a prominent citizen of Jefferson City, from a stroke of apopexy.

[She was about 70 years of age, and was born a New York. She was the sister of Maj.-Gen. Wesley Merritt, of the United States army general in command of the department of New York, and also of State Senator Thomas E. Merritt, of Salem, Ill. The remains were taken to Salem for interment.]

#### Spinster Offended by a Valentine Federal authorities are investigating

the complaint of Mary Thompson, a spinster at Savannah.

She charges the bride of a former lover, it is said, with sending obscene matter through the mails in the form of a valentine, mailed February 14 last. The valentine was of the penny nileged comic variety, and bore in flashy colors the representation of an ancient tabby, dressed up in bonnet, clothes and shoes, with hideon oggles on, and its tail curied spitefully up from eneath the hem of its dress skirt.

#### A Novel Plea.

George Feiferlich, who soon will be tried in St. Louis for the killing of his brother, Joseph F., on June 6, 1896 will set up a novel plea of defense.

Hypnotism, he claims, was responsible for his rash deed. His counsel will end avor to convince the jury that the crime was committed while he was carrying out the suggestion conveyed to him some time previous by a prosional hypnotist.

## Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic state central comhold the state convention at Springfield, August 10.

The basis of representation was fixed at one delegate for each 50) votes cast for Bryan in 1896 and fraction of 250 and over. This gives a

## The State's Treasury.

Gov. Stephens found, after a complete and thorough examination of the condition of the state treasury, that there was \$1,162,380.40 in the treasury in all funds-just 2 cents more than should have been found there according to the pooks of the state auditor.

## At Springfield Next Time.

The second annual meeting of the Women's Federated clubs of Missouri was held at Sedalia. Springfield was recommended by the committee as the place to hold the November meeting. Mrs. Laura E. Scammon, Kansas City, was elected president.

## Vernon County's Assessment.

The report of the county assessor of Vernon county has been filed with the county court. There are 13,992 horses, valued at \$238,309, and 22,636 cattle, valued at \$285,362, in the county. The total personal and real property amounts to \$6,800,000.

## Want Damages From a City.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hembree has sued the city of Sedalia for \$10,000 damage, which she alleges she sustained by falling on a defective sidewalk. Mr. Hembree also asks the city to pay him \$1,000 for the loss of his wife's society.

#### Whisky Explodes. A bottle of whisky exploded in the

hands of a St. Louis saloonkeeper. The flying glass almost tore his left hand to pieces. It is said that he has sworn off, and will hereafter drink out of a Married Half a Century.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Seewald, of St. Louis, celebrated their golden wed-

ants the entire 50 years. A Successful Rivival. The revival at the Comberland Presbyterian church, Sedalia, conducted by Evangelist Tyler, resulted in 30 con-

ding anniversary. They have been

shurch members and regular attend-

#### versions and 25 accessions to the church. Big Mining Deal. The John Jackson lease on 59 acres

of lead and zinc mining land in Chitwood hollow, near Joplin, has been sold to Philadelphians for \$105,009.

## He Seems to Be Wanted.

W. K. Collins, atias W. K. Robinson, was arrested at Nevada on instructions from Joplin, where he is charged with robbing a dry-goods store.

#### MR. JUSTICE M'KENNA.

The New Member of the United States Supreme Court Formally Installed on the Bene't-The Court Room was Crowded in Anticipation of the Event-The Cere. mony, as is Customary, was of the Sim-

plast Description. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.-Hon. Joseph McKenna took his seat on the bench of the supreme court of the United States as an associate justice. The official ceremony inducting him into this important office consumed less than four minutes, and was simple in the extreme. Mr. McKenna had already taken the oath of office before the chief justice, when at one minute



ASSOCIATE JUSTICE M'KENNA.

the court-room bringing up the rear of the procession of justices. He, like all the other members of the court, wore a long, flowing black robe. The court-room was crowded in anticipation of the event. When he entered the chamber the new justice stopped at Clerk McKenney's desk, where he remained while the other justices took their respective seats upon the bench. Chief Justice Fuller announced the

presence of the new justice saying: "It gives me pleasure to announce to the gentlemen of the bar that Mr. been appointed an associate justice of

this court." The clerk handed Mr. McKenna a copy of the judicial oath, and he read it in a distinct voice, and then was escorted to his seat on the extreme left of the chief court remaining standing. He was hand from Justice White, his nearest neighbor, and by bows from the other members of the court, whereupon all took their seats.

With this the ceremony concluded, and the court proceeded with the business before it.

#### CAUGHT A TARTAR.

Another Insurgent Retreat in Which the Spanish Got the Worst of It—Cane Fields Burned.

HAVANA, Jan. 26, via Key West, Jan. 27.-Gen. Molina, on the morning of the 20th of January, began a second attack upon the insurgent position between Boca Camarioca and Punta. The insurgents were under leader Tabarts, and they stood continuous volleys until the Spanish, about II o'clock, began an artillery fire. The insurgents, being without cannon, burned their camp and made a nattee met in St. Louis and decided to flank movement toward the coast and the Spanish rear, obliging Gen. Molina to ahandon his position, in order to avoid a rear attack, and compelling

him to retreat toward the coast. The insurgents immediately divided their forces and invaded the rich zone of sugar cane, burning immense cane fields with incalculable loss. The Spanish had 13 killed, including a captain. They buried their dead and then re-

tired. They had 28 wounded. The insurgents have burned the greater part of the cane fields on the Plantation Union, near San Luis, although the plantation is protected by

forts and detachments. The military authorities here criticize Gen. Molina for attacking the insurgent camp at Camarioca, as they consider it unimportant, and the sacrifice too serious for experiment.

## BURNING OF THE SEMINOLES.

Wholesale Arrests of the Murderers to be Made. GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 27.-Deputy United States Marshal Tilghman returned last night from Pottawattomie

county, where he had been for a week investigating the recent burning of the two Seminole Indians. He states that there is no truth in the report of the arrest of some of the lynchers. The names of a score or more of the mob have been obtained by the offievidence.

A large number of warrants will be He says that almost every member of made there on a charge of kidnaping and conspiracy, as the murder charge nature of the testimony. will hold only on the Oklahoma side of the line. United States Marshal Thompson is daily expecting special instructions from the department of justice to assist the county authorities in prosecuting the members of the mob

## An Unfounded Report.

for murder.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 27.-The re port that G. D'Albert, a violinist and brother of the famous pianist, was burned in the Great Eastern block fire. proves unfounded. He was not in the building at the time, and has been located.

Cargo of Arms Confiscated.

Muscar, Gulf of Oman, Jan. 27 .- The British gunboat Lapwing has seized the steamer Beloochistan, off here, and her cargo of arms and ammunition has been confiscated. Her cargo is held by the British consul.

#### NEWS FROM THE NAVY.

The North Atlantic Squadron at Dry Tortugas. The Torpedo Boats Near Key West. The Formidable Marine Engine of Destruction that Spain Intends to Send to American Ports-Will be Welcomed with Pleasure.

Washington, Jan. 27 .- Secretary Long, yesterday morning, received a telegram from Admiral Sicard saying that the North Atlantic squadron had gone into the inner anchorage at Dry Tortugas. The telegram was brought to Key West by the Fern, which is serving as a dispatch and supply boat for the fleet. The torpedo boats in the vicinity of Key West are under Admiral Sicard's orders, while near the squadron, to serve also as dispatch vessels and to give the vessels some practice in the drills for repelling torpedo attacks. This does not, however, interfere with the standing orders to Lieutenant-Commander Kimball, the commanding officer of the torpedo boat flotilla, and the little craft will continue on their cruise along the coast as far west as Galveston, and then returning, go up the Mississippi river in the early spring. The Porter, one of the fleet, sailed Tuesday from Port Tampa for Mobile, in company with the Eriesson, to be present at a local celebration there, but they will return to the squadron before resuming their longshore cruise.

A substantial addition to the relief fund being collected for the Cuban suffers at the state department was received yesterday, through Senator Hoar, who handed to Secretary Sherman a check for \$6,014 sent him by Geo. H. Lyman, of Boston, the trustee for a public collection in that city.

Secretary Long said yesterday that he had received no notice from the Spanish minister or from any other source that Spanish men-of-war have been ordered to visit United States ports. They were perfectly welcome to come and go as they pleased, he said, and, as far as he was concerned. he would be delighted to have them come. Spanish war ships have frequently visited the United States since the insurrectionary movement broke out in Cuba, three years ago, without having excited the least un-Joseph McKenna, of California, has friendly comment, and there was no reason why any significance should be attached to their coming again whenever they felt disposed to do so. The Spanish flagship on this station, took part in the ceremonies connected with the dedication of the Grant monument in New York, about a year ago, and also at the subsequent celebration in justice by Marshal Wright, the Philadelphia, last summer, after which the Spanish admiral and his staff viswelcomed by a cordial shake of the ited Washington and paid their respecis to the president and the mem-

bers of his cabinet. Secretary Long said he recalled with pleasure the visit of the party to the

navy department. Secretary Sherman also said he saw no reason why the Spanish war ships should not visit the United States; in fact, he would be glad if they did come. They would be welcome. All the advices received by the state department, and navy department from Cuba yesterday were satisfactory. Gen. Lee, at two o'clock, reported that all was quiet

and order prevailed in Havana. At about the same hour a cablegram came to the navy department from Capt. Sigsbee of the Maine saying that general interest was manifested on the arrival of the Maine in Hayana harbor, but there had been no demonstration. He had been ashore himself several times officially and had been received with the greatest courtesy. He ex-

pected to visit the palace to-day. The information from Madrid that the Spanish government had decided to send the war ship Vizeava on a visit to American ports caused no comment in official circles. She is a formidable craft, larger, faster and more powerful than the Maine. Her points as recorded here are as follows: Length 340 feet, beam 65 feet, draught 21 feet 6 inches, two propellers 13,000 horsepower, with a 12 inch armor belt and barbettes 10% inches and an armored deck varying in thickness from two to three inches. Her battery is made of two 28-centimeter, ten 14-centimeter, one 9-centimeter Honoria guns, all made in Spain eight 57-millimeter, four-37 millimeter guns and two machine guns. There are six torpedo tubes. The ship was launched in 1891, cost \$3,000,-000, and is capable of 21 knots speed, while the Maine is but 17% knots. Altogether the Vizcaya is a formidable

## TO OPEN THE FLOOD GATES.

The Public Maybe Deluged with the Filth of Scandalous Trials. 2 BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 27 .- The right

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of courts to exclude the general publie from a trial because of the obscene or indecent character of the evidence expected was yesterday treated cers, however, together with strong in an opinion handed down by Justice Titus, of the supreme court, in the case of the People against Wm. E. Hall. issued at once and wholesale arrests Hali was tried in Rochester for extorwill be made before the week is out. | tion, and the county judge shut out the newspaper reporters and everyone but the mob is a resident of the Indian ter- the witnesses, holding that the public ritory and that the arrests will first be good required that this be done on account of the disgusting and revolting

An application was made to Justice Titus for a certification of reasonable doubt of the guilt of Hall, the argument being made that he had been denied his constitutional right to a "speedy and public trial." Justice Titus granted the certificate.

## GROUND TO PIECES.

Horrible Fate of Dr. Merrit B. Peck, a Patent Medicine Vender.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 27. - Dr. Merrn B. Peck, a traveling patent medicine vender, who, for the past six months had been living in an abandoned office building of the Fuller Co., was run down and instantly killed by an Air Line freight train Tuesday night. He was dragged a distance of nearly 500 feet. When picked up he was nothing more than crushed bones and flesh. Peck has a wife and Jaughter in Monneapolis.